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#### APPOINTMENT BY THE VICE PRESIDENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. section 276h through 276k, appoints the Senator from Texas [Mrs. HUTCHISON] as the chairman of the Senate delegation to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Union during the second session of the 104th Congress.

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—CLOTURE VOTES

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the two cloture votes scheduled for today be postponed to occur on Thursday, at a time to be set by the majority leader, after consultation with the Democratic leader.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 956

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, the Senate turn to the product liability conference report, that the conference report be considered read, and there be 5 hours for debate, to be equally divided in the usual form, and at 3 p.m., on Wednesday, the Senate proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture, and the mandatory quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. RES. 227

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that immediately following the cloture vote, regardless of the outcome, the Senate proceed to the cloture vote with respect to the Special Committee to Investigate Whitewater.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 1459

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding rule XXII, that following the two cloture votes on Wednesday, the Senate proceed to S. 1459, the grazing fees bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.R. 956

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that if cloture is invoked with respect to the product liability conference report, that the Senate resume the conference report at 9 a.m., on Thursday, and there be 3 hours for debate to be equally divided in the usual form, and at 12 noon, on Thursday, the Senate proceed to the adoption of the product liability conference report, without any intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1996

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until the hour of 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 20, 1996, and, further, that immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be dispensed with, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then proceed to the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 956, the product liability bill, as under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will debate the product liability conference report at 10 a.m., until 3 p.m., on tomorrow. At 3 p.m., there will be two consecutive rollcall votes. The first vote will be on invoking cloture on the product liability conference report, to be followed by a vote on cloture on the motion to proceed to the Whitewater resolution. Following those cloture votes, the Senate will begin consideration of the grazing bill, S. 1459. Additional votes could therefore occur during Wednesday's session of the Senate. Under the previous order, if cloture is invoked on Wednesday on the product liability conference report, there will be 3 hours of additional debate on that conference report on Thursday.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MODIFICATIONS TO AMENDMENT NO. 3553 TO H.R. 3019

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I send to the desk modifications for pages 1, 4, and 5 of the managers' amendment to H.R. 3019 and ask it be adopted.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The modifications are as follows:

On page 412, line 23, strike "\$497,850,000" and insert "499,100,000".

On page 412, line 24, strike "1997, of" and insert "1997, of which \$2,000,000 shall be available for activities under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533), of".

On page 577, between lines 23 and 24, insert the following new section:

SEC. . (a) REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and subject to subsection (b), in the case where payment has been made by a State under title XIX of the Social Security Act between December 31, 1993, and December 31, 1995, to a State-operated psychiatric hospital for services provided directly by the hospital or by providers under contract or agreement with the hospital, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services has notified the State that the Secretary intends to defer the determination of claims for reimbursement related to such payment but for which a deferral of such claims has not been taken as of March 1, 1996 (or, if such claims have been deferred as of such date, such claims have not been disallowed by such date), the Secretary shall—

(1) if, as of the date of the enactment of this title, such claims have been formally deferred or disallowed, discontinue any such action, and if a disallowance of such claims has been taken as of such date, rescind any payment reductions effected;

(2) not initiate any deferral or disallowance proceeding related to such claims; and

(3) allow reimbursement of such claims.

(b) LIMITATION ON RESCISSION OR REIMBURSEMENT OF CLAIMS.—The total amount of payment reductions rescinded or reimbursement of claims allowed under subsection (a) shall not exceed \$54,000,000.

(c) OFFSET OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the amounts on lines 5 and 8 of page 570 (relating to the Social Services Block Grant) shall each be reduced by \$70,000,000.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:40 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, March 20, 1996, at 10 a.m.